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BUILDING PERMITS FOR MAY, 1932, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR APRIL, 1932, AND MAY, 1931, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST FIVE MONTHS, 1920-1932.

The value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during May, 1932, was higher by 24.8 p.c. than in April, 1932, but lower by 56.3 p.c. than in May, 1931. According to statements tabulated by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, the authorizations amounted to \$5,289,506 as compared with \$4,237,160 in the preceding month and \$12,115,291 in May, 1931. The total for the first five months of 1932, namely, \$18,190,794, was lower than that for the corresponding period of any of the years since 1920. Wholesale prices of building materials were lower in 1932 than in any other year of the record, averaging 79.0 p.c. for the first five months as compared with 83.7 p.c. and 92.8 p.c. in the same periods of 1931 and 1930, respectively.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had issued over 400 permits for dwellings valued at approximately \$1,250,000 and for some 2,700 other buildings estimated to cost over \$3,800,000. In addition three cities - Brantford, Port Arthur and Moose Jaw - reported that they had authorized engineering projects valued at approximately \$130,000. In April, authority was given for the erection of some 400 dwellings and 2,000 other buildings, valued at approximately \$1,100,000 and \$2,700,000, respectively.

Quebec, Manitoba and Saskatchewan reported increases of 76.7 p.c., 458.0 p.c. and 86.7 p.c., respectively, in the value of the permits issued as compared with April, 1932. Of the declines in the remaining provinces, that of \$220,001 or 84.5 p.c. in New Brunswick was most pronounced.

As compared with May, 1931, Manitoba and Saskatchewan registered increases. The other provinces recorded declines, of which that of \$3,452,712 or 69.6 p.c. in Ontario was most noteworthy.

Of the larger cities, Winnipeg reported a higher total of building peimits issued than in either April, 1932, or May, 1931, Montreal registering a gain compared with April, 1932, but a loss compared with May, 1931, while in Toronto and Vancouver there was a decrease in both comparisons. Of the other centres, Fort William, Kingston, Port Arthur, Saskatoon and Edmonton recorded increases in the value of the building authorized as compared with both the preceding month and the same month of last year.

## CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST FIVE MONTHS, 1932.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities in May and in the first five months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1926 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first five months of the same years are also given (1926=100).

Year Permits issued Permits issued of permits issued build: in May in first first five months in fix	sale prices of ing materials rst five months average =100)
1932 \$ 5,289,506 \$ 18,190,794 30,3	79.0
1931 12,115,291 50,356,550 83.9	83.7
1930 20,321,160 66,792,498 111.2	92.8
1929 24, 185, 738 96, 792, 675 161.2	99.1
1928 27,515,522 79,285,027 132.0	96.9
1927 20,138,657 62,479,480 104.1	96.7
1926 18,504,296 60,042,369 100.0	101.3
1925 15,520,435 50,983,833 84.9	103.1
1924 14, 807, 589 46, 544, 689 77.5	111.3
1923 18,937,638 57,946,608 96.5	111.1
1922 19,527,061 54,040,922 90.0	102.0
1921 14,460,878 41,530,750 69.2	132.2
1920 13,082,015 47,640,916 79.3	144.7

The aggregate for the first five months of this year was thus only 18.8 p.c. of the total for the same period of 1929, the high level of the record. The average index number of wholesale prices of building materials, however, was lower than in any of the years since 1920.

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Cities	May, 1932	April, 1932	Мау, 1931
	\$	\$	\$
P. E. I Charlottetown	106 7110	213,207	225,530
Nova Scotia x Halifax	106,340	108,256	192,150
New Glasgow	2,450	26,250	7,005
x Sydney	8,660	78,701	26,375
New Brunswick	40,289	260,290	206,055
Fredericton	3,900	2,700	17,960 70,590
x Moncton x Saint John	12,390	32,140 225,450	117,505
x Saint John Quebec	23,999	830,064	4,449,753
x Muntreal - x Maisonneuve	1,310,691	661,312	3,639,504
x Quebec	115.407	69.557	590.054
Shawinigan Falls	2,000	7,350 17,600	8,890
x Sherbrooke x Three Rivers	13,415	31,970	32,505
x Westmount	5,325	42,275	132,700
Ontario	1,510,734	1,820,222	4,963,446
Belleville	18,800	17,125	127.925
x Brantford	7,507	35,361	<b>35,</b> 154 11,300
Chatham	8,600 63,200	9,360 40,850	36,450
x Fort William Galt	12,438	13,151	20,045
x Guelph	16,580	11,100	24,185
x Hamilton	111,000	97,750	489,000
x Kingston	108,390	88,910	71,851
x Kitchener	19,027	137,664 87,180	73.981 193.915
x London	62,790 9,802	36,002	21,740
Niagara Falls Oshawa	5,539	8,685	8,865
x Ottawa	131,390	144,775	647   255
Owen Sound	2,200	4,600	141025
x Peterborough	16,255	11,360	371175
x Port Arthur	156,250	17,666	311 685 10,593
x Stratford x St. Catharines	7,428 14,123	11,919	18;542
x St. Thomas	3,874	13,750	625
Samia	15,407	5,035	15,675
Sault Ste. Marie	12,630	9,453	47,275
x Toronto	514,482	817,173	1,701,673
York & East York Townships	170,628	157,188	1,184,565 34,015
Welland x Windsor	2,945	10,625	58,640
East Windsor	1,090	Nil	5,000
Riverside	-	-	5,075
Sandwich	900	5,650	7,625
Walkerville	3,000	Nil 2,610	3,000 26,692
Woodstock Manitoba	10,669	198,567	577, 637
* Brandon	6,757	4,997	7,377
St. Boniface	28,335	54,370	19,260
x Winnipeg	1,072,750	139,200	551,000
Saskatchewan	365,050	195,477	266,385
x Moose Jaw	9,350	160,152	4,280 54,555
x Regina x Saskatoon	25, 695 330, 605	18,175 17,150	207,550
Alberta	430,633	430,986	433,652
x Calgary	74,008	250,279	213,355
x Edmonton	346,980	160,400	190,830
Lethbridge	9,060	12,512	25,765
Medicine Hat	261,980	7,795	3, 702 992, 833
British Columbia Kamloops	11,375	288,347	18,964
Nanaimo	75	1,225	3,285
x New Westminster	15,145	8,260	54,250
Prince Rupert	3,965	1,020	23,250
x Vancouver	203,465	211,950	826,910
North Vancouver	1,700	5,490	17,784
x Victoria Total - 61 Cities	26,255 5,289,506	56,322 4,237,160	48,390 12,115,291
x Total - 35 Cities	4,950,568	3,824,429	10,436,704

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